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SUBJ: MEETING OF SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM IV

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1. SUMMARY: USG WILL BE INVITED TO MEETING TO ESTABLISH
SOUTH PACIFIC FISHERIES AGENCY. INCLUSION OF US WAS POINT OF
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CONTENTION, BUT FINAL DECISION WAS TO INCLUDE US, UK AND FRANCE
AS WELL AS SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM MEMBERS IN MEETING TO BEHELD
BEFORE END OF OVEMBER PROBABLY IN SUVA. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT USG
ACCEPT INVITATION AND SEND POLICY-ORIENTED DELEGATION, AS WE
ANTICIPATE QUESTION INVOLVING MATTERS OTHER THAN TUNA WILL
SURELY ARISE. END SUMMARY.

2. THE 8TH SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM WAS FOLLOWED UP ON SEPT 1 BY A MEETING OF LAW OF THE SEA AND FISHERIES EXPERTS OF MEMBER STATES, EXCEPT FIJI. US LOS EXPERT MYRON NORDQUIST (HERE ON A USIS PROGRAM) WAS INVITED TO ATTEND THE MORNING SESSION IN ORDER TO BOTH OBSERVE AND TO PROVIDE BACKGROUND ON THE US 200-MILE LEGISLATION. MANY OF THE EXPERTS HAVE KNOWN NORDQUIST FOR SOME YEARS AND HIS PRESENT STATUS AS A PRIVATE PERSON RATHER THAN AN OFFICIAL US SPOKESMAN WAS CLEAR. MOST OF THE FOLLOWING CAME TO LIGHT AT THE SEPT 1 MEETING.

3. A MAJOR ISSUE OF CONCERN AND CONTENTION AT THE FORUM SESSION ON AUGUST 30-31 WAS THE DESIRABILITY OF OTHER STATES IN THE PROPOSED FISHERIES AGENCY. SOME STATES, INCLUDING PAPUA NEW GUINEA, ARGUED THAT FORUM MEMBERS SHOULD ESTABLISH A SOLID COMMON POSITION BEFORE INCLUDING OTHER STATES. HOWEVER, THE MAJORITY, WITH WESTERN SAMOA ITS LEADING SPOKESMAN, BELIEVED THAT OTHER STATES, PARTICULARLY THE U.S., HAD TO BE BROUGHT INTO DISCUSSIONS AT AN EARLY STAGE. FOREMOST IN THEIR MINDS WERE ACCESS TO US MARKETS AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SPECIES (57572). THE FORUM WANTS TO SET UP A COMMON REGULATORY PROCEDURE TO DEAL WITH DISTANT WATER STATES. THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROVISION IN THE U.S. 200-MILE LEGISLATION EXCLUDING MANAGEMENT OF TUNA AND SANCTIONS ON TUNA TAKEN WHERE COASTAL STATES ASSERT JURISDICTION OVER THE SPECIES. WITH RESPECT TO MANAGEMENT, FORUM MEMBERS CONCLUDED THAT THE TTPi SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN A SOUND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM AND THAT IT COULD BE ACHIEVED ONLY BY INVITING U.S. PARTICIPATION.

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4. IN PACIFIC FASHION A COMPROMISE SOLUTION EMERGED. THE FORUM'S DECLARATION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA (REFTEL C), IN PARA 7, SAID A REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND WOULD BE OPEN TO ALL IN THE REGION "WHO SUPPORT THE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OF THE COASTAL STATE TO CONSERVE AND MANAGE LIVING RESOURCES, INCLUDING HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES," IN THEIR 200-MILE ZONES. HAVING THUS SET THE COMMON POLICY, THEY WENT ON IN PARA 8 OF THE DECLARATION TO CONVENE A MEETING OF "ALL INTERESTED STATES IN THE REGION" TO WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF THE NEW FISHERIES AGENCY. ON THE BASIS OF PARA 8, THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE WILL BE INVITED TO THE MEETING WHICH IS SUPPOSED TO TAKE PLACE PRIOR TO THE END OF NOVEMBER, PROBABLY IN SUVA.

5. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT USG ATTEND THE UPCOMING CONFERENCE AND SEND AN APPROPRIATE DELEGATION. INCLUSION OF THE US WAS BY NO MEANS A FOREGONE CONCLUSION. FAILURE TO ATTEND, OR APPOINTMENT OF NARROW-GAUGE DELEGATION, COULD DIM OUR CHANCES FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION. PARTICIPATION OF US COULD ENABLE US TO INFLUENCE FUTURE MOVES, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF REGULATIONS

WHICH MIGHT BE SET, AND POSSIBLY PROVIDE BASIS FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENTS. QUESTIONS OF SURVEILLANCE WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ARISE, AND US DELEGATION SHOULD BE ABLE TO RESPOND AT LEAST IN GENERAL TERMS TO APPROACHES ON THIS SUBJECT.

6. EITHER AT THIS OR AT A FUTURE MEETINGS, QUESTION OF FREE TRANSIT AND POSSIBLE RESTRICTION ON NUCLEAR AND OTHER MILITARY VESSELS MAY ARISE. GIVEN SPEED AND UNANIMITY OF SOUTH PACIFIC FORUM ACTION ON 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE, WE BELIEVE IT IS HIGHLY IMPORTANT FOR POLICY-ORIENTED PERSON TO HEAD DELEGATION TO UPCOMING CONFERENCE.

7. WE BELIEVE JOHN NEGROPONTE WOULD BE IDEAL TO LEAD US DEL. IF HE IS NOT AVAILABLE, HEAD OF DEL SHOULD BE SOME OTHER OFFICER
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ACCUSTOMED TO DEALING IN BROAD ASPECTS OF US POLICY. MUCH MORE THAN TUNA FISH WILL BE DISCUSSED, AND HEAD OF US DEL MUST BE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH WIDE RANGE OF PROBLEMS.

8. IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA AND POSSIBLY SOMEONE REPRESENTING GOVERNOR OF GUAM ON DELEGATION. THIS WOULD HAVE POSITIVE IMPACT ON ALL NATIONS ATTENDING CONFERENCE.
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